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## COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION 5355.2

Subj: Drug Dependency Rehabilitation Procedures

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. 1090

(b) COMDTINST M1000.6A, CG Personnel Manual, Chapter 20

(c) COMDTINST M6330.1, Alcohol Abuse Treatment and Prevention Program

1. PURPOSE. This Instruction establishes Coast Guard policy and procedures for rehabilitation of active duty members for drugs other than alcohol (hereafter referred to as drug dependent).
2. BACKGROUND.
  - a. Reference (a) requires the Coast Guard to "provide necessary facilities to identify, treat, and rehabilitate" members who are dependent on drugs or alcohol. Reference (b) provides the policy for the identification of those dependent on drugs and/or alcohol. Reference (c) provides the policy and procedures for alcohol abuse treatment and prevention.
  - b. Coast Guard policy is to discharge members found to use drugs as specified in Chapter 20, Section C of reference (b). This rehabilitation policy in no way eases or rescinds that policy. Treatment will be scheduled immediately prior to discharge.
3. POLICY.
  - a. Coast Guard members diagnosed as drug dependent will be offered rehabilitative treatment. The diagnosis of drug dependency will be confirmed by a physician although the initial screening may have involved

(cont'd) psychologists or certified substance abuse counselors. This confirmation will include a determination as to the need for detoxification prior to rehabilitation.

- b. Reservists performing active duty of 90 days or more will follow the guidelines in this Instruction. This includes reservists serving on extended active duty (EAD), temporary active duty (TEMAC), active duty for training (ADT) and special active duty for training (SADT). For those reservists performing any of the above types of active duty for 89 days or less, the procedures in the Reserve Administration and Training Manual, COMDTINST M1001.27 (series) shall apply.
- c. Rehabilitation can be met by a variety of means in a variety of circumstances. While the Coast Guard is responsible for providing access to treatment facilities, the member is responsible for taking advantage of this opportunity for rehabilitative treatment.

4. PROCEDURES.

- a. Members found to be users of illegal drugs shall be offered medical evaluation to determine if they are, in fact, drug dependent. Procedures for medical evaluation (reference (c)) will be used to screen for drug dependency.
- b. Members diagnosed as drug dependent shall be offered rehabilitative treatment prior to discharge. If the member accepts treatment, the command will contact the Alcohol Program Representative at the Health and Safety Division of the appropriate Maintenance and Logistics Command to arrange for such treatment. If the member declines treatment, discharge procedures will continue. A CG-3307, Administrative Remarks, entry will be made indicating the member's acceptance/refusal of treatment.
- c. The member's command, through coordination with COMMANDANT (G-PE/G-PO/G-RSM), will ensure that administrative separation procedures are completed in order to effect separation immediately following treatment.

5. ACTION. Area and district commanders, commanders of maintenance and logistics commands, unit commanding officers, Commander Activities Europe, and Chiefs of Offices, and special staff divisions in Headquarters shall comply with the contents of this Instruction.

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